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Sunday, November 15, 2026

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B. Life can have its share of challenges for each of us. As a church family, we need to:

1. Be concerned for others (cf. Phil. 2:1-4).
2. Help others in bearing their burdens (Gal. 6:2).
3. Pray for others (cf. vv. 18-20).
4. Serve one another (cf. Gal. 5:13-14).

C . Encouraging others serves to remind us of God's grace as seen through Messiah Jesus. In building each other up, we live out the power and importance of church family (cf. Eph. 2:19-21).

II. Church Family Grows Us Up (vv. 21-24)

A. Another reason church family matters is because it grows us up in Christ. God is not content with the status quo; He wants us to grow spiritually and mature emotionally (cf. Eph. 4:11-15).

B. The goal here is the truth spoken in love, so that:

1. We grow in our faith (cf. Eph. 4:11-12).
2. We grow in our worship (cf. Eph. 4:13-14).
3. We grow in our endurance (cf. Js. 1:2-4).
4. We grow in our love (cf. Eph. 4:15; 2 Thes. 3:11-13).

C. As we grow and mature in our faith, we come to realize that we are not fighting this spiritual battle alone. Together we are to encourage and build up one another so that God is glorified, and the Gospel is proclaimed in all the world.

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